

and Customs Enforcement Assistant Special Agent-in-Charge David Wilhelm, who was shot and killed while working to finish his Atlanta home. Friday's heartbreak touches everyone in this country, and is sincerely felt in my hometown of Salisbury, NC, which Special Agent David Wilhelm also called home.

David Wilhelm is remembered as a true patriot, whose commitment to hard work, justice, and the enforcement of the law were admired by all who knew him. After graduating from West Rowan High School in 1982, Special Agent Wilhelm earned a criminal justice degree at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. He began his Federal service as a U.S. Customs Agent in June 1987, in Beaufort, SC, and also served in Charlotte, NC and Norfolk, VA before relocating to Atlanta, GA last November. In Atlanta, he was second in command, managing the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement investigations involving financial crimes, narcotics smuggling, human smuggling, and customs violations. His law enforcement colleagues knew him to be tenacious professionally and a superb team-builder with ace investigative skills and a generous spirit.

David Wilhelm's 18-year commitment to Federal service is most commendable. He spent 16 years with the U.S. Customs Service and 2 years with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. In 2001, he was recognized for his dedication and was awarded the prestigious U.S. Customs Service Blue Eagle Award for work on an important narcotics smuggling case resulting in the seizure of approximately two tons of marijuana and \$2.4 million in cash. The Blue Eagle Award is bestowed annually for significant work that goes beyond the expected daily duties.

I have immense respect for the many Federal law enforcement agents who risk their lives daily to protect Americans. I am truly saddened by the loss of David Wilhelm, and my thoughts and prayers are certainly with his wife Candee, his brother Patrick, who serves as an Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agent in Atlanta, GA, and all his family and friends. May Special Agent David Wilhelm's dedication, sense of duty and honor never be forgotten. In addition, I would like to send my sincere condolences to the families, friends, and co-workers of the other three victims of Friday's violence, Judge Rowland Barnes, court reporter Julie Ann Brandau, and Sergeant Hoyt Teasley of the Fulton County Sheriff's Department.

RETIREMENT OF CAROLE GEAGLEY

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, at the end of March, 2005, Carole Geagley is retiring from the U.S. Senate, and I rise today to pay her tribute.

Carole began her Capitol Hill career in 1977 when she began working for the

Joint Economic Committee, where she rose to the position of personal assistant to the executive director. Before that Carole was the office manager at the law firm of Seltzer and Suskird, from 1971 to 1977.

In 1990 she joined the Senate Appropriations Committee staff. At first Carole worked for the Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies. She then made the move to Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies. As the Senate majority changed over the years she worked for both Senator HARKIN and myself, helping manage the seamless transition between chairmanships for more than 15 years. As office administrator Carole has toiled behind the scenes to efficiently prepare many hearings this subcommittee has conducted. She has done everything from letters of invitation to witnesses, preparing background information for hearing books, creating data tables, and maintaining Member requests from Members of the Senate. For the professionalism of her work, she will be missed.

Yet it is for Carole's many other attributes that we will miss her the most. The youngest of four siblings, Carole's cheerful disposition, effervescent personality, and her famous cakes have made her the Perle Mesta of the Appropriations Committee. Her cakes and pies are so well known that TOM HARKIN, who is quite the chef himself, has asked for her recipes—especially her Coca-Cola cake. It should also be noted that her award-winning cheesecake is featured at a well-known restaurant in her home State of Maryland.

Carole has many other talents as well. She and her husband, Ron, are championship bridge players and have played in many national tournaments. In fact, that is how she met Ron, at a bridge tournament in 1975. They were married in 1977 and raised a beautiful daughter, Lori. They are now blessed with three grandchildren who we can all hope will inherit their grandmother's knack at cooking. My best wishes to Carole and her family on this occasion of her retirement.

Mr. HARKIN. I join my colleague in thanking Carole Geagley for her service to the U.S. Senate and wishing her well as she embarks in a new phase of her life.

Carole is an institution on the Appropriations Committee and not one that will soon be forgotten. She spent the longest period of her Appropriations life assisting the group of offices that staff call "the Bullpen," a crowded space in the Hart Building that holds anywhere from five to seven subcommittee staffs. With different bills moving at different paces through the Senate, that area is often the locus for much activity, and Carole managed those interactions with a calm demeanor.

In that capacity, Carole came into contact with many Senators and many

Senate offices. She is a storehouse of institutional knowledge, which she imparted to younger staffers when perspective and history needed to be their guides. And just as importantly, she fed them. Every staff birthday was celebrated with a Carole Geagley creation. One thing is certain: Appropriations Committee staff will never eat as well as they did when they worked with Carole.

I know that Carole will treat retirement with the same gusto with which she performed her various duties in the Senate. So today we congratulate Carole. We thank her for her longtime service to this institution and we wish the whole Geagley family the best.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO A GREAT NEW MEXICAN: J. PAUL TAYLOR

• Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I am pleased to come to the floor today to express my gratitude to J. Paul Taylor—a man of great passion for his wife and children, art and culture, education, border health, progressive politics, and last but definitely not least, improving the economic, social, and spiritual well-being of the people in the Mesilla Valley in southern New Mexico.

J. Paul Taylor has touched the lives of so many of the people throughout our great State of New Mexico, but what is most remarkable is that he has done so in so many different facets of life. News articles about him have never really captured but one small piece of his life, as they focus on: J. Paul Taylor: The Artist; J. Paul Taylor: The Historian; J. Paul Taylor: The Educator; J. Paul Taylor: The Politician; J. Paul Taylor: The Father of Border Health; J. Paul Taylor: The Advocate for the Poor; J. Paul Taylor: Children's Advocate.

Only J. Paul Taylor could be honored in the wide array of ways he has, including having New Mexico State University establish the J. Paul Taylor Endowment in the College of Education, the New Mexico Human Needs Coordinating Council establishing the J. Paul Taylor Legislative Champion Award to honor other legislators, the New Mexico Library Association naming him a "New Mexico Library Treasure," getting the Lifetime Achievement Award with his wife from the New Mexico Historic Preservation Division, receiving the Voice for Children Award from the New Mexico Voices for Children, and the awards go on and on.

Representative Taylor was recently honored by his legislative colleagues in the New Mexico Roundhouse, both Democrats and Republicans. As the Las Cruces Sun-News reported, "Taylor was described as 'the great gentleman of New Mexico politics,' and 'a populist advocate for the poor and disenfranchised.' He was also lauded for his effort to create the Office of Childhood Development and for the donation